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SUBJECT: STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST INDONESIANS

1. ABOUT 100 STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA MARCHED TO THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY FEBRUARY 23, PRESENTED A PETITION, AND DRAGGED A HOMEMADE INDONESIAN FLAG IN THE MUD AND TRAMPLED ON IT. THE PROTEST WAS DIRECTED AGAINST INDONESIAN MILITARY ACTIVITY IN EAST TIMOR. THE DETAILS OF THE PROTEST WERE OBTAINED FROM THE MEDIA AND THE GENERAL OUTLINES WERE CONFIRMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE (DFAT).

2. THE PETITION CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF INDONESIAN TROOPS FROM EAST TIMOR AND THE USE OF UN TROOPS TO CONDUCT A PLEBISCITE, THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIGADIER ROEDJITO AS AMBASSADOR BY SOMEONE NOT CONNECTED WITH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, AND FOR AN END TO INDONESIA'S EXPANSIONIST POLICIES. IN SEA

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AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

3. THE STUDENTS THEN MARCHED TO THE PNG DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE WHERE THE LEADERS PRESENTED A PETITION TO FOREIGN SECRETARY SIAGURU CALLING ON THE GPNG TO "ALTER ITS PRESENT POLICY OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS TOWARD INDONESIA AND TAKE A STRONG STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION BY THE EAST TIMORESE PEOPLE." THE PETITION ALSO CALLED FOR INCLUSION OF A PNG REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL UN MISSIONS TO EAST TIMOR AND WEST IRIAN. THE STUDENTS ALSO TALKED TO FONMIN KIKI.

4. THE STUDENTS THEN MARCHED TO THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION BUILDING.

5. COMMENT: THE UNIVERSITY WAS NOT IN SESSION (EXCEPT FOR SUMMER SCHOOL) WHEN THE MILITARY ACTION TOOK PLACE IN EAST TIMOR. THE OPENING OF THE NEW TERM IN MID-FEBRUARY ALMOST INEVITABLY LED TO A STUDENT PROTEST AGAINST INDONESIA.

SIAGURU WAS VERY CASUAL ABOUT THE MATTER WHEN I SAW HIM EARLY MONDAY AFTERNOON. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS AMBASSADOR ROEDJITO DELIVERED A STRONG PROTEST TO HIM AND KIKI IN THE LATE AFTERNOON, AND DFAT MAY HAVE BEEN LESS CASUAL AFTER THAT. PRESS REPORTS STATED THAT THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OBSERVED THE DEMONSTRATION AT THE INDO EMBASSY, BUT APPARENTLY TOOK NO ACTION.

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